

## Provider Parity Timeline and Suggested Language

### Timeline:

Following broadly the timeline put forth by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) site neutral professional reimbursement policy implemented on January 1, 2017.

- Newly affiliated practices, defined as a practice that was independent then purchased by a hospital on or after 10/1/17, will be reimbursed by a payer consistent with reimbursement terms in effect prior to affiliation with a hospital; and
- Currently affiliated practices, defined as those with affiliation on or after November 2, 2015, will be reimbursed by a payer in consistent with reimbursement terms prior in effect prior to affiliation.

### Language:

Act 143 2016 Section 5 shall add a new subsection (c) as the following:

The Green Mountain Care Board shall enforce the insurer's actions taken in response to the provisions of this section through its annual hospital budget orders. The Green Mountain Care Board shall additionally ensure that the implementation the insurer's actions taken in response to the provisions of this section do not negatively impact health care premiums.